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1. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE CONTINUENCE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IS BENEFICIAL. AT THE LEAST, THESE CONTACTS CAN HELP TO REDUCE BORDER INCIDENTS AND TO MINIMIZE ANY INCIDENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE. AT BEST, IT CAN HELP PRODUCE A PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE WITHIN THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES THAT WILL BE HELPFUL IN FURTHERING FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE LT. COLONELS ARE GENERALLY AGREED THAT THEY WISH TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE AS LONG AS SUCH A SETTLEMENT PROTECTS HONDURAN INTERESTS. HOWEVER, THE DECLARATION OF THE ARMED FORCES WHICH REPLACED LOPEZ RESOLVED TO "ACHIEVE A DEFINITE AND GLOBAL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WITH EL SALVADOR...." A CONTINUING POLICY OF THE GOH HAS BEEN TO REACH A SIMULTANEOUS AND OVERALL
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SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS WOULD, IN THAT POLICY, TAKE PLACE AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNING OF A GENERAL PEACE TREATY RATHER THAN PRIOR TO SUCH A TREATY.

3. IN MANY PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH POLOFF, FONMIN GALVEZ HAS EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT TO INITIATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF A TREATY. GALVEZ IS IN FAVOR OF RESOLVING THE DISPUTE AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, HE IS CONVINCED THAT HONDURAS MUST CONTINUE TO INSIST ON A SIMULTANEOUS AND OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

4. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN APPROACH TO THE GOH TO SUGGEST THE RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DESIRE OF THE LT. COLONELS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE MAY WELL PERMIT THE RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FUTURE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE OUR INVOLVEMENT, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE, WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.

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